

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (currently amended). A pressure sensitive adhesive for single-sided or double-sided adhesive sheet strips which are redetachable from substrates without residue or destruction by extensive stretching in the plane of the bond, composed of a mixture comprising a block copolymer and a tackifier, wherein at least one ~~compound~~ **superabsorbent** which is swellable in H₂O is incorporated into the mixture.

Claim 2 (cancelled).

Claim 3 (currently amended). The pressure sensitive adhesive as claimed in claim 1 ~~or 2~~, wherein said at least one ~~swellable compound~~ **superabsorbent** is present in an amount of from 0.5 to 20% by weight, based on the weight of adhesive.

Claim 4 (currently amended). The pressure sensitive adhesive as claimed in claim 3, wherein said at least one ~~swellable compound~~ **superabsorbent** is present in an amount of from 2 to 8% by weight, based on the weight of adhesive.

Claim 5 (currently amended). The pressure sensitive adhesive as claimed in claim 1 ~~or 2, wherein said at least one swellable compound is a mixture of two~~ **comprising one or more further swellable compounds.**

Claim 6 (currently amended). The pressure sensitive adhesive as claimed in claim 2 ~~1~~, wherein said **at least one** superabsorbent is a sodium salt of a crosslinked polyacrylic acid, a starch-modified crosslinked polyacrylic acid, a crosslinked polyacrylamide, a crosslinked polysulfonic acid or carboxymethylcellulose.

Claim 7 (previously presented). The pressure sensitive adhesive as claimed in claim 1, further comprising at least one additive.

Claim 8 (previously presented). A single-sided or double-sided adhesive sheet strip comprising the pressure sensitive adhesive of claim 1.

Claim 9 (previously presented). The pressure sensitive adhesive as claimed in claim 5, wherein said superabsorbent is a sodium salt of a crosslinked polyacrylic acid, a

starch-modified crosslinked polyacrylic acid, a crosslinked polyacrylamide, a crosslinked polysulfonic acid or carboxymethylcellulose.